

...on *The EDGE*

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Welcome Back to “*The EDGE*”!

Sadly, summer is winding down, but we are glad to be gearing up for a spectacular year on *The EDGE*! All Middle School youth (grades 7 and 8) are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings for some catechetical-based fun!

This year we will be tackling the Bible. How much do you know about the oldest book in history? Did you know there are stories in

there equal to, and even better than, some of the most popular Hollywood movies? Join us as we take a spin through the 73 books of the Bible.

Many of you know your prayers, but how many of you can recite a “Hail Mary” in Spanish, French or Latin? Join us this year as we explore our Catholic prayers and add a new twist by

learning them in another language.

Of course, we’ll have lots of fun service projects (30-Hour Famine) and social events too. Check out our schedule available at registration and online next weekend. We have lots of things happening this year...on *The EDGE*! ▲

It’s a GREAT place to be!

**K-12
Registration
Coming
SOON!**

Registration for all religious education and youth programs will be held after all Masses on the next two weekends, September 12-13 and September 19-20.

You can pick up forms in the parish hall in the wall-hangers near the door to the Narthex or download them from the *EDGE* website if you would like to get a jump on filling them out.

Cost this year will remain the same at \$75 per student. Children of *EDGE* Team Leaders will receive free tuition.

It takes many volunteers to keep our program running. Parents are asked to help out with *EDGE* in some way, either as a team leader or in one of the (many) supportive functions. ▲

See You at The Pole

EDGIES, join us on Wednesday, September 23rd at the Saline Middle School flag pole for a morning of prayer BEFORE school begins. *See You at the Pole™* is a student-initiated, student organized, and student-led event. That means this is all about students meeting at their school flagpole to pray—for their school, friends teachers, government, and their nation. *See You at the Pole™* is not a demonstration, political rally, nor a stand for or against anything.

See You at the Pole™ is scheduled annually on the **fourth** Wednesday in September, which is September 23 in 2009. The starting time is 7 a.m.

We will be praying at the pole with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters from local churches. It’s a great way to join together for a common cause—to pray.

There is a **PLANNING MEETING/RALLY** on **Sunday, August 20th from 7:00-8:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church.** Contact Mrs. Carter at the *EDGE* office for more information. ▲

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *This is our FIRST newsletter of the year. Look for an EDGE newsletter in the bulletin on the first weekend of every month!*
- *K-12 Registration after all Masses on the weekends of 9/12-13 and 9/19-20.*
- *EDGE begins on Sunday, September 27th.*
- *Canned Food Drive—Sept. 27th, see more information on the back of this newsletter.*



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For more information (F.M.I.) about any of the *EDGE* events, go to the *EDGE* website at www.standreyouth.org or call the *EDGE* office at 734-429-8467. ▲



Last year, the impossible happened. Life Teen parishes across the United States collected over 300,000 pounds of clothing that we donated to charity!!! *Our own St. Andrew middle school and high school youth groups collected over 2000 pounds which we donated to locally at St. Vincent DePaul, Goodwill and the Salvation Army.*

It is time to prepare for year two of ***Give It Away Now!*** The concept is the same: Life Teen parishes across the US will have a special event on the same night - September 27, 2009 (the feast of St. Vincent de Paul) and as one family, accomplish a corporal work of mercy.

Last year it was "*clothe the naked,*" this year it is "*feed the hungry.*" That's right - this year's Give It Away Now challenge is a food drive. ***And you can help US help THEM!***

What can you do?

- 1. Collect** non-perishable food to donate from your family, neighborhood and friends.
- 2. Bring** your non-perishable food to the parish hall the weekend of September 26th / 27th
- 3. Pray** for all those in need and for those working to serve them.



We CAN Do It!



Nationwide Goal: 200,000 non-perishable food items.

St. Andrew Goal: 2,000 non-perishable food items.

All donations will help those in need locally!